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SUBJECT: DROUGHT RELIEF: PORT CONGESTION

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH PRIMIN ENDALKACHEW ON APRIL 13, I RAISED SUBJECT OF PORT CONGESTION WHICH CONTINUES TO SERIOUSLY IMPEDE DROUGHT RELIEF EFFORTS. US DROUGHT SURVEY TEAM WHICH HAD JUST RETURNED FROM VSITS TO MASSAWA AND ASSAB HAD REPORTED THAT KEY TO SOLUTION OF PROBLEM APPEARED BE UTILIZATION BY IEG OF COMMERCIAL TRUCKS TO SUPPLEMENT WORK NOW BEING DONE BY MILITARY TRUCKS. MCCLURE TEAM REPORTED THAT NO COMMERCIAL TRUCKS NOW BEING USED IN DROUGHT RELIEF EFFORT BECAUSE RATES PAID BY GOVERNMENT ARE LOWER THAN COMMERCIAL RATES AND GOVERNMENT WILL NOT PAY FOR AN EMPTY BACKHAUL. MCCLURE TEAM POINTED OUT THAT REMOVAL OF DROUGHT SUPPLIES FROM PORTS WOULD BE GREATLY EXPEDITED IF GOVERNMENT WOULD MATCH OR BETTER COMMERCIAL RATES IN ALL RESPECTS. THIS WOULD REQUIRE ADDITIONAL FUNDING BUT IEG ALREADY HAS SOME FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE, MC CLURE TEAM WAS PREPARED RECOMMEND US CONTRI-BUTION TO SUCH FUND, AND IEG COULD SEEK HELP FROM OTHER FOREIGN DONORS. MC CLURE TEAM COMMENTED FURTHER THAT MAJOR EXPORT SHIPMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE AND THAT UTILIZA-TION OF COMMERCIAL TRUCKS BY GOVERNMENT WOULD THEREFORE NOT HARM EXPORTS.

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2. PRIMIN EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN THESE REMARKS AND

APPRECIATION FOR TEAM'S RECOMMENDATION THAT USG CONTRIBUTE TO FUND IN QUESTION. HE SAID HE WOULD CONTACT RELIEF COORDINATOR SHIMELES AND EMPHASIZE HIS INTEREST IN SURVEY TEAM'S RECOMMENDATION.

3. I TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO COMMEND PERFORMANCE OF SHIMELES AND TO OBSERVE THAT HE NEVERTHELESS NEEDS FULL SUPPORT OF ENTIRE IEG.

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